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HARM IN HEALTH FOR USE OF MOBILE PHONES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether scientific studies suggested that long term use of cell phone affects the health of users;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to discourage the use of mobile phones in view of health hazard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (d) The latest World Health Organisation (WHO) fact sheet No. 304 of May, 2006 states that the radiations from mobile base stations and wireless networks are far below the permitted levels and also the research results collected to date, confirm that there is no convincing scientific evidence that the weak RF signals from base stations and wireless networks cause adverse health effects. Further, a committee was constituted under Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research (CMR) to study the effects of radiations from mobile phone towers and related aspects. The report of the Committee indicates that overall there is not enough evidence to show direct health hazards of RF exposures from mobile base stations.